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SUBJ: POST NIGHT TRAVEL POLICY

1. CONSULATE AND USIS HAVE WORKED OUT A POLICY ON TRAVEL ON ROADS SURROUNDING IBADAN AT NIGHT WHICH SHOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE EMBASSY AND THE OTHER ADDRESSEES WHO HAVE TRAVELLERS COMING TO IBADAN.

2. OUR GENERAL POLICY IS TO AVOID TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE CITY AFTER DARK DUE TO THE HIGH INCIDENCE OF ARMED ROBBERY AND ATTACKS ON HIGHWAYS. THE TIME OF HIGHEST INCIDENCE AND DANGER IS IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS. MOTORISTS ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE WHEN A BREAK-DOWN OCCURS ON UNPOPULATED STRETCHES.

3. IN ADDITION, DRIVING CONDITIONS ON BOTH THE IKEJA-ABEOKUTA-IBADAN AND IKEJA-SHAGAMU-IBADAN ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS DUE TO FAST DRIVERS AND THE NUMEROUS HEAVY VEHICLES WHICH FREQUENT THE ROADS BUT AFTER NIGHT FALL, THE DANGER LEVEL SHARPLY INCREASES.

4. THEREFORE, WE DO NOT TRAVEL ON ROADS OUTSIDE THE POPULATED AREAS OF IBADAN OR LAGOS FROM 2000 TO 0600 HOURS. AIR TRAVELLERS ARRIVING AT IKEJA AT NIGHT SHOULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE LAGOS AREA BEFORE PROCEEDING TO IBADAN.

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TRAVELLERS GOING TO LAGOS FROM IBADAN SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE

IN THE IKEJA AREA PRIOR TO 8PM. FOR INFORMATION OF TRAVELLERS,
ROAD TRAVEL TIME IBADAN LAGOS VARIES FROM 4 TO 8 HOURS DE-
PENDING ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

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